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DEPARTMENT FOR AID/SER/CFS-MOSER,/AID/AFR/DR-WITHERS,/AID AFR CAWA-NICHOLSON AND OLSEN, AND AF/W-KOTT

USICA FOR AF-SHAW AND ANDEREGG, AND ECA-SPRECKLEMEYER

E.O. 11652 : NA
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REF: A) LAGOS 1986, B) LAGOS 1552, C) LAGOS 2156

1. IN ADDITION TO EDUCATION ITEMS PROVIDED PARA 3-3 REF B, THE FOLLOWING WHICH WERE INADVERTENTLY OMITTED FROM REF B WERE SENT BY NOTE TO THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (MEA):

QUOTE: MEET WITH OVERSEAS LIAISON COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN CONCUL ON EDUCATION AND AID IN WASHINGTON, D.C., TO DISCUSS DEVELOPMENTS IN COOPERATION WITH THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION IN INCREASING LINKS WITH NIGERIAN HIGHER EDUCATION, INCLUDING SUPPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES TO ENCOURAGE RECRUITMENT OF AMERICAN PROFESSORS FOR NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES.

VISIT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE (HEW) TO OBSERVE U.S. NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY FORMULATION AND PROGRAM EXECUTION, AND CONSULT ON POSSIBLE COOPERATION IN UNCLASSIFIED

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AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

VISIT APPROPRIATE NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND FOUNDATIONS SUCH AS THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION AND THOSE LINKED TO THE AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION TO CONSULT ON AREAS OF POSSIBLE COOPERATION. UNQUOTE.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS PROVIDED REF B

AND PARA 1 ABOVE AND ANY ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS THOSE CONCERNED MAY HAVE ON GENERAL QUESTION OF EDUCATION COOPERATION. ICA MAY WISH TO ALERT HEW AND APPROPRIATE EDUCATION ASSOCIATIONS AND FOUNDATIONS REGARDING POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT AS INDICATED.

3. MEA HAS NOT YET IDENTIFIED MEMBERS OF EDUCATION WORKING GROUP, SO CONSULTATIONS ON THESE OR NIGERIAN ITEMS HAVE NOT YET BEEN POSSIBLE. URGENTLY SEEKING APPOINTMENT WITH PERMSEC, MINED, TO DISCUSS MATTER INFORMALLY (HE MAY, IN FACT, BE DESIGNATED AS MEMBER). WILL ADVISE ASAP ON NIGERIAN REACTIONS OUR ITEMS AND ANY ITEMS THEY MAY WISH TO RAISE.

4. FOR ANDEREGG AND SPRECKLEMEYER: MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OFFICIAL HAS CALLED TO SAY THAT COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION ALI HAS JUST INSTRUCTED HIM TO PREPARE A SPEECH FOR DELIVERY AT THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR FOREIGN STUDENT AFFAIRS(NAFSA) CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT AMES, IOWA, JUNE 7-9. THIS IS OUR FIRST INDICATION THAT HE WILL ACCEPT INVITATION. MINED OFFICIAL COULD NOT CONFIRM THAT ALI HAD SENT DIRECT RESPONSE TO NAFS. HOPEFULLY RESULTS OF EDUCATION WORKING GROUP WILL BE SUBSTANTIAL ENOUGH TO PROVIDE ALI WITH INTERESTING AND CONSTRUCTIVE PROGRESS REPORT AS PART OF SPEECH AT AMES.

5. REGARDING SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENT PROBLEMS, STATISTICS DISCUSSED PARA 2 REF C IN AS CURRENT AND COMPLETE FORM AS POSSIBLE COULD BE MOST HELPFUL.
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